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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ATTN.: BOX PCT APPLICATION

Ass't. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1, line 1, please insert the following paragraphs:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German
Application No. 199 06 002.9, filed on 15 February 1999. Applicants
also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of PCT/DE00/00329, filed
on 3 February 2000. The international application under PCT
article 21(2) was not published in English.